

Community Resources



April 18-30, 2004

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| | Librarians | Early Childhood Educators | Parents |
| <u>Michigan Agencies and Web Resources</u> | | | |
| Book Stores National chains, such as Barnes & Noble and Borders, and independently owned local book stores frequently offer story times, book talks and author signings. Check with the store in your community for its schedule of events. | | X | X |
| Your Local Public Library If you have not yet located your local public library, the Library of Michigan Web site provides an interactive Directory of Michigan Libraries on this page: (www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-18835_18891---,00.html). | | X | X |
| Library of Michigan www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17445_19270---,00.html The Web site provides a Directory of Michigan Libraries (www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-18835_18891---,00.html) and services for media specialists in the "For the Professional: Libraries, Librarians and Media Specialists" section. | X | X | X |
| MeL (Michigan Electronic Library) http://mel.org Children and Young Adults Reading and Literature Resources are available at this page http://mel.org/children/reading.html . | X | X | X |
| MICASE (Michigan Creative After School Experiences) www.micase.org This catalog of out-of-school hours programs includes story times and other activities at which preschoolers are welcome. Search by county or program type. Libraries and other not-for-profit agencies may enter their programs online. | X | X | X |
| Michigan Authors and Illustrators (MAI) http://mel.org/miai/miai.html Search this database to find authors and illustrators born in Michigan, who live in Michigan or who have written books about or set in Michigan. Agencies looking for programs can also find information as to whether an author or illustrator is available for workshops or readings. | X | X | X |

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| Michigan Department of Education R.E.A.D.Y. Program www.michigan.gov/mde/1,1607,7-140-6525_6530_6568-33559--00.html The main component of this program is the R.E.A.D.Y. kit with educational materials including: a quality children's book and pocket-size book list; learning activities and reminder magnet; a music cassette; a child development video and booklet by I am Your Child; a child development ages and stages wheel and other products to help young children learn and succeed. This colorful kit is available for three age groups, infants, toddlers, and preschooler. The kit for infants can be distributed free to Medicaid-eligible new parents through most county health offices, intermediate school districts and interested home-visiting programs, family practices, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) offices and other health care professionals. This kit and others are available for purchase for nominal fees at the Central Michigan University Educational Materials Center: www.emc.cmich.edu/ready/ . | | X | X |
| Michigan State University Extension Children, Youth and Family Programs www.msue.msu.edu/msue/cyf/cyfindex.html Programs focusing on preschoolers include Building Strong Families: Parenting Young Children, the Better Kid Care Project, Breast Feeding Initiative and Childhood Immunization. Programs for children are available starting at age five. | | X | X |
| Museums, Zoos and Nature Centers Participate in programs for preschoolers at your local museums, zoos and nature centers. Encourage them to include story times that focus on books with the subjects of their exhibits. A list of Michigan attractions that have Web sites is online at www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17447_18595_18596-54796--00.html . Some may provide outreach programs you can schedule at other sites, such as schools and libraries. | X | X | X |

| <u>Literacy Councils and Centers</u> | | | |
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| Michigan Literacy, Inc. 2157 University Park Dr. Okemos, MI 48864 (517) 349-7511 FAX: (517) 349-6667 www.michiganliteracy.org/index.htm Forty-five of Michigan's counties have one or more literacy councils and/or literacy centers. Locate the council or center in your county with the search feature on this page: www.michiganliteracy.org/Council_Directory.php . Adults who want to be able to read to their children are served by all; some also provide programs for children. Most provide English-as-a-second-language (ESL) programs. Two of the larger literacy councils include: <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> CALC (Capital Area Literacy Coalition) Dr. Lois Bader, Exec. Director 1028 E. Saginaw Lansing, MI 48906 Phone: (517)485-4949 FAX: (517)485-1924 E-mail: thereadingpeople.org Web: www.thereadingpeople.org/ The Capital Area Literacy Coalition helps children and adults learn to read, write and speak English with an ultimate goal of helping individuals achieve self-sufficiency. We achieve this through direct services and by enhancing literacy efforts of community organizations in the Capital Area and throughout the state of Michigan. </div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;"> Oakland Literacy Council 17 South Saginaw Street Pontiac, Michigan 48342 </div> | | | X |

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| (248) 232-4664 Web: www.oaklandliteracy.org/ The Council provides high quality individualized basic reading and English language instruction for Oakland County adults. | | | |
| Detroit Free Press Gift of Reading Program Anne Musial Detroit Free Press 600 W. Fort St. Detroit, MI 48226 (313) 222-6802 Formed in 1987 to coordinate gifts of books for young children, especially those in Head Start programs in the greater Detroit area. It accepts tax-deductible gifts of books (area collection sites include many public libraries) and money. Groups can be considered to receive Gift of Reading books by application to the above address. Call or write for particulars. | | x | |

| <u>National Organizations with Community Programs in Michigan</u> | | | |
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| Big Brothers Big Sisters www.bbbsa.org/ Do you need someone to be a friend or mentor (and read to) a child? Locate the Big Brothers/Big Sisters agency nearest you by typing your ZIP code into the search box at the Big Brothers Big Sisters Web site. | | | X |
| Book It! Beginners www.bookitbeginners.com/default.asp The BOOK IT! Beginners Program, an eight-week read-aloud program for preschool and pre-kindergarten, begins its eighth program year on March 1, 2004. The Web site offers teacher reproducibles and materials for parents including read-aloud tips. Book-It! is sponsored by Pizza Hut. | | X | X |
| Foster Grandparents Programs (FGP) in Michigan www.seniorcorps.org/joining/fgp/mi.html Foster Grandparents, part of the Senior Corps, serve as mentors, tutors, and caregivers for at-risk children and youth with special needs through a variety of community organizations, including schools, hospitals, drug treatment facilities, correctional institutions, and Head Start and day-care centers. Michigan communities with programs as of March 2003 included the following (program name in parentheses): Adrian (Michigan State FGP), Apena (SCP of Northeast Michigan), Battle Creek (South Central MI FGP), Caro (Thumb Area FGP), Detroit (Wayne County FGP), Escanaba (Menominee/Delta/Schoolcraft CAA-FGP) Flint (Flint FGP), Grand Rapids (Kent County FGP), Greenville (Eightcap FGP), Kalamazoo (Kalamazoo FGP), Lansing (Ingham/Eaton/Livingston FGP and Michigan State FGP), Mt. Pleasant (Michigan State FGP), Muskegon (Muskegon/Newaygo Counties FGP), Port Huron (St. Clair county FGP), Saginaw (County of Saginaw FGP), Southfield (Oakland County FGP), St. Joseph (Region IV FGP), Traverse City (NQ Michigan FGP), Ypsilanti (Washtenaw County FGP). | | | X |
| Head Start Programs in Michigan www.mhsa.ws/programs/ There are Head Start programs in every county in Michigan. To locate a program near you, go to the Web site and click on "Programs," then select the county name. | | | X |

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| <p>National Association for the Education of Young Children www.naeyc.org/ The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) is an organization of early childhood educators and others dedicated to improving the quality of programs for children from birth through third grade. The national Web site provides a search feature for finding programs in your area. In November 2003, a search found 143 early childhood programs currently accredited by NAEYC in Michigan. NAEYC also provides professional development opportunities or individuals who care for and educate children.</p> <p>Michigan AEYC (MIAEYC) http://www.miaeyc.com/ Keith Myers, Executive Director 4572 S. Hagadorn St. #1-D East Lansing, MI 48823-5385 Phone: 517-336-9700 Toll-free phone: 800-336-6424 FAX: 517-336-9790 kmyers@miaeyc.org</p> | | X | X |
| <p>National Even Start Association http://www.evenstart.org/ The national association provides a national voice and vision for Even Start Family Literacy Programs. The theme of the Michigan program is "Families Learning Together." The program provides training for parents regarding how to be the primary teachers for their children and full partners in their education. Information about the program in Michigan can be found at www.familyliteracy.org/. Thirty-three Michigan counties have programs. Counties and county contact information can be found by clicking on a map of Michigan at www.familyliteracy.org/evenstart/index.html.</p> | | | X |
| <p>Parent-Teacher Associations www.pta.org/ www.ptotoday.com/npn/ Many schools have a PTA or PTO that supports literacy programs. They may or may not be affiliated with the National PTA, the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the United States. Your PTA or PTO may be a source of volunteer readers or of funding for programs. It provides an opportunity for parents to work for the betterment of their child's school.</p> | | | X |
| <p>Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) www.rif.org/ RIF's programs include the National Book Program, which distributes books to children, special literacy programs like Shared Beginnings and Family of Readers and events and contests to motivate children and volunteers to make reading a central part of their lives. Many Michigan communities have RIF programs. The RIF Web site includes the RIF Reading Planet for kids plus information for RIF program coordinators, educators and parents.</p> | | X | X |

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| <p>Ready To Learn www.pbs.org/readytolearn/ The Public Broadcasting Service provides the Ready To Learn national program to improve school readiness of young children through its programming. It also offers outreach services to the local areas served by PBS stations. Services include workshops for parents, childcare providers and other early childhood professionals. The program also distributes children's books and the <i>PBS Families/PBS para la Familia</i> magazine. Regional locations and contacts in Michigan include the following:</p> <p>WCMU Charlotte Galgoci Central Michigan University 1999 E. Campus Drive Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859 989-774-3610 Fax: 989-774-4427 galgo1c@cmich.edu</p> <p>WDCQ Ruby Iwamasa 1961 Delta Road University Center, MI 48710 989-686-9352 Fax: 989-686-0155 rubiawamasa@chartermi.net</p> <p>WFUM Kimberly Jones 303 E. Kearsley St. Flint, MI 48502 810-762-3028 Ext.116 Fax: 810-233-6017 kimberlj@umflint.edu</p> <p>WGVU-TV Pamela Holtz 301 W. Fulton St. 8th Floor Grand Rapids, MI 49504 616-331-6818 Fax: 616-331-6625 holtzp@gvsu.edu</p> <p>WKAR Beany Tomber 283 Communications Arts Building Michigan State University East Lansing, MI 48824-1212 517-432-3120 Ext. 406 Fax: 517-353-4359 beany@wkar.org</p> <p>WTVS Vernita Beverly 7441 Second Blvd. Detroit, MI 48202 313-876-8187 Fax: 313-876-8672 Vbeverly@DPTV.org</p> | X | X | X |
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| <p>Service Clubs</p> <p>Service and civic organizations are frequently a source of funds, volunteers or both for literacy programs. Many distribute funding based on a yearly cycle of applications. Joining a service club provides networking opportunities for librarians and teachers that may result in better community awareness of programs and provide a pool of possible volunteers to assist with programs or read to children at story times. Service organizations in your community may include, but not be limited to, the following.</p> <p>AAUW (American Association of University Women) www.aauw.org/index.cfm Many clubs support literacy projects at the community level.</p> <p>Altrusa International, Inc. www.altrusa.com/ Altrusa International is an international association of professional women and men who volunteer their energies and expertise in projects dedicated to community betterment. Altrusa is also a community service organization that espouses volunteerism, service and fights for literacy and against AIDS. As of November 2003, there were Altrusa clubs in these Michigan cities: Battle Creek, Branch County, Grand Rapids, Greater Birmingham, Greater Lansing, Kalamazoo, Monroe, Muskegon and Saginaw.</p> <p>Kiwanis International www.kiwanis.org/ Kiwanis International is a thriving organization of service- and community-minded individuals who support children and young adults around the world. A Kiwanis Club evaluates its community's needs and responds to it, including support of literacy programs in some areas. As of November 2003, Michigan had 232 Kiwanis Clubs.</p> <p>Lions Clubs International www.lionsclubs.org/EN/index.shtml Since Lions clubs were established, Lions have been dedicated to giving back to their communities. Lions clubs provide community parks, playgrounds, senior citizen programs and medical care for those in need. Some local Lions clubs adopt literacy programs.</p> <p>Rotary International www.rotary.org/ Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Many clubs support literacy projects at the community level. Rotary has 7 districts in Michigan with clubs in many communities.</p> <p>Zonta International www.zonta.org/index.html Zonta International is a worldwide service organization of executives in business and the professions working together to advance the status of women. Many clubs support literacy projects at the community level. As of November 2003, the Michigan Zonta clubs included the following: Alpena, Alpena-Tri County Area, Bay City Area, Benzie Area, Big Rapids Area, Charlevoix Area, Detroit I, Detroit II, Downriver Wayne Co Area, East Lansing, Farmington/Novi, Fenton Area, Flint I, Flint II, Gaylord Area, Grand Rapids Area, Iron Mountain-Kingsford Area, Jackson, Lansing, Lapeer, Leelanau County, Lenawee County, Ludington Area, Macomb, Marquette Area, Meridian East, Metro Detroit, Michigan Capitol Area, Midland, Milford, Mt. Pleasant, Muskegon Area, Newaygo County Area, Northwest Wayne County, Owosso, Petoskey Area, Pontiac-North Oakland, Rogers City Area, Roscommon County Area, Saginaw, Southfield Area, Traverse City and II of Traverse City.</p> | X | X | |
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| Program Resources for <i>Barnyard Song</i> | | | |
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| Michigan Humanities Council http://mihumanities.h-net.msu.edu/ The Arts & Humanities Touring Program offers performers and presenters the opportunity to present their work throughout the state and provides matching grants to Michigan nonprofit organizations to help cover costs of engaging performers and presenters for arts and cultural programs. Search the touring directory for programs and obtain grant guidelines and applications at www.michiganhumanities.org/touring/2003_2006/ . | X | X | |
| Health-related Programs Invite a local doctor, physician's assistant, nurse or nurse practitioner to talk with preschoolers about good health practices and engage them in hand washing, using tissues to cover sneezes and coughs, etc., in conjunction with reading <i>Barnyard Song</i> . | X | X | |
| Farm Animal-related Activities The following farm and farm tours (listed by county) were located by searching the category, "Attractions: Farms/Mills" at the Travel Michigan Web site. In November 2003 all the attractions listed indicated that they offer farm animals for petting/viewing. This database is constantly updated; if you do not see something in your area, search at www.michigan.org . Many of these sites may be open seasonally. Call before planning a visit. Some may also offer a program that brings animals to your library, school or other facility. Your local zoo may also provide a petting area that includes farm animals. BARRY MSU's W. K. Kellogg Biological Station (KBS) (dairy) 3700 East Gull Lake Drive Hickory Corners, MI 49060 Phone: (269)671-5117 Alternate Phone: (269)671-2507 Fax: (269)671-2513 E-mail: tours@kbs.msu.edu Web: www.kbs.msu.edu/ BAY Deer Acres Storybook Amusement Park 2346 M-13 Pinconning, MI 48650 Phone: (989) 879-2849 Fax: (989) 679-5339 Web: www.deeracres.com/ BERRIEN Deer Forest Fun Park 6800 Marquette Drive Coloma, MI 49038 Phone: (269) 468-4961 Fax: (269) 468-2461 Web: www.theimaginaryworld.com/df.html CLINTON Andy T's Farm 3131 S. Business US 27 Saint Johns, MI 48879 Phone: (989)224-7674 Fax: (989)224-2286 Web: www.andyts.com/ E-mail: andyts@charter.net | X | X | X |

Beck's Cider Mill

1660 West Maple Rapids Road
Saint Johns, MI 48879
Phone: (989) 224-4309
Fax: (989) 224-9384
Web: www.msu.edu/~acmoodys/Becks.html
E-mail: beckscider@voyager.net

CRAWFORD**Pumpkinfest**

6771 South Military Road
Grayling, MI 49738
Toll Free: (800)653-3276
Phone: (989)348-5187
E-mail: howard@i2k.net

Wellington Farm Park

6940 S. Military Road
Grayling, MI 49738
Toll Free: (888)653-3276
Phone: (989) 348-5187
Phone: (989)348-5187
E-mail: howard@i2k.net
Web: www.wellingtonfarmpark.org/

EATON**The Country Mill**

4648 Otto Road
Charlotte, MI 48813
Toll Free: (866)424-3779
Phone: (517)543-1019
Web: www.countrymill.com/
E-mail: sales@thecountrymill.com

EMMET**Romanik's Ranch**

10941 Weadock Road
Levering, MI 49755
Other Phone: (231)627-6107
Phone: (231)627-6106
E-mail: info@romaniksranch.com
Web: www.romaniksranch.com/

GLADWIN**The Wild Pumpkin**

5799 Beaverton Road
Beaverton, MI 48612
Phone: (989)435-9001
Fax: (989)435-9001

INGHAM**MSU Farms**

Michigan State University
4075 College Road
East Lansing, MI 48824
Phone: (517)355-8383
Alternate Phone: (517)355-7473

IONIA

Homestead Acres

6720 Ainsworth Road
Ionia, MI 48846
Phone: (616)527-5910
Fax: (616)527-5910
Web: <http://home.ionia.com/~homestead/>
E-mail: homestead@ionia-mi.net

LIVINGSTON

Kensington Metropark Farm Center

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority
13000 High Ridge Drive
Brighton, MI 48114 -9058
Toll Free: (800)477-3178
Phone: (248)685-1561
Fax: (248)684-5836
Web: www.metroparks.com/parks/pk_kensington.php
E-mail: mail@metroparks.com

MACOMB

Mt. Bruce Station Sheep Stuff

6440 Bordman Road
Romeo, MI 48065
Phone: (810)798-2568
Fax: (586)752-1015
Web: www.sheepstuff.com/
E-mail: uhlianuk@sheepstuff.com

SAGINAW

LeCronier's Baby Acres

5805 S. Flajole Rd.
Freeland, MI 48623
Phone: (989) 496-3633

ST. CLAIR

Ruby Farms of Michigan

6567 Imlay City Road
Ruby, MI 48049
Phone: (810)324-2662
Fax: (810)324-2208

WASHTENAW

Cobblestone Farm Museum

2781 Packard Road
PO Box 8647
Ann Arbor, MI 48105-9979
Phone: (734)994-2928

Domino's Petting Farm

24 Frank Lloyd Wright Drive
PO Box 445
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
Phone: (734)998-0182
Fax: (734)998-3468
Web: www.pettingfarm.com/

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| <p>Fusilier Family Farm & Greenhouse 16400 Herman Road Manchester, MI 48158 Phone: (734)428-8982</p> <p>Rentschler Farm Museum 1265 E. Michigan Ave Saline, MI 48176 Phone: (734)429-4494 E-mail: salinechamber@aol.com</p> <p>SASHA Farm 17901 Mahrle Road Manchester, MI 48158 Phone: (734)428-9617 E-mail: office@sashafarm.org</p> <p>WAYNE</p> <p>Firestone Farm Greenfield Village at The Henry Ford 20900 Oakwood Blvd. Dearborn, MI 48124-4088 (313) 982-6100, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. TDD: 313.271.2455 24 Hour Recorded Information: (313) 982-6150 Web: www.hfmgv.org/</p> | | | |
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